of which two are at Neyveli in South Arcot District of Tamil Nadu and the other two in Kutch and Broach Districts of Gujarat.

(b) During the field season of 1985-86, Geological Survey of India estimated a reserve of 5.93 million tonnes of lignite in Jayakondan-Cholapuram area in Tiruchirapalli district of Tamil Nadu and 1 million tonne in Lakhpat area in Kutch District of Gujarat. GSI also conducted drilling operations for lignite in Barmer district of Rajasthan.

Charges against executive director of BHEL

624. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased o state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report published in Telegraph (Calcutta) on 11th February, 1987 to the effect that an Executive Director of BHEL who was incharge of BHEL's advanced research projects including some defence projects had been terminated recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the charges levelled against the officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The services of the officer were terminated as he was found by the Company to be unsuitable for the post held by him due to his uncooperative attitude and his having displayed incompatibility with the policies of the Company.

Modernising Cement industry

625. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently emphasized the need to modernise the cement and building materials industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to render any type of help to the industry for its modernisation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government have been impressing upon the cement industry from time to time the need to take effective steps to modernise the old cement factories and also to take necessary steps for installation of energy conservation devices and pollution control equipments. A World Bank loan of $ 200 million has also been arranged during 1986 for conversion of seven cement units from wet to dry process and for sub-sector level training/technical assistance, etc. for the cement industry.

(c) and (d) The following decisions have been taken to help the cement industry in undertaking their modernisation programme:—

(i) Old cement plants which have been declared sick are charged less levy obligation compared to other units with a view to enable them to invest the extra realisation for modernisation purposes;

(ii) Factories which install new dry process kilns by scrapping the existing old wet process kilns or convert the existing old wet process kilns into dry process kilns such that the additional capacity installed is equal to or in excess of the capacity of the old klin(s) will be treated as new units for purposes of fixing levy quota.